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SUBJ: EXTREME LEFT PROTESTS AGAINST NEW BRAZILIAN

AMBASSADOR

1. MILITANTS FROM MAOIST/LEFTIST MRPP GROUP DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF BRAZILIAN EMBASSY MAY 27 TO PROTEST ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL OF GEN. CARLOS ALBERTO FONTOURA, WHO HAD ARRIVED 2 DAYS PREVIOUSLY. GIST OF COMPLAINT AGAINST FONTOURA WAS THAT HE PREVIOUSLY HEADED BRAZILIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. ONE BANNER CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS ALLEGED FONTOURA WAS FOISTED ON PORTUGAL BY "MANEUVER OF CIA."

2. COMMENT: EVEN UNDER OLD REGIME, APPOINTMENT OF FONTOURA DISAPPOINTED MANY PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. THESE PROTESTS WILL SEVERELY CURTAIL FONTOURA'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. IT ALSO DAMAGING TO NEW GOP IMAGE FOR IT TO ACCEPT AS AMBASSADOR EX-HEAD OF PIDE-DGS EQUIVALENT OF COUNTRY GRANTING ASYLUM TO LEADERS OF OLD REGIME. IN LIGHT INFORMATION THAT FONTOURA NOT IN FAVOR WITH PRESENT BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, CONCEIVABLY CONTINUATION BY NEW GOP OF HIS ACCEPTANCE BY PRIOR GOP WAS PRICE PAID FOR BRAZIL'S ACCEPTANCE OF THOMAZ AND CAETANO.

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NO OTHER EXPLANATION READILY PRESENTS ITSELF. IN

ANY EVENT, FONTOURA PROTEST HAS TAKEN PERALTA PROTEST
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